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RULES and ORDERS.

SECT. I.

Of the officers, and manner of their election.

I. THERE ſhall be one Preſident, ten Vice Preſidents, a Secretary, an Aſſiſtant Secretary, a Regiſter, and a Collector of the ſubſcription money; which officers ſhall be elected, by ballot, on the firſt Tueſday in March annually: and on that day no other buſineſs ſhall be tranſacted.

II. In order to this election, the Preſident, one of the Vice Preſidents, or, in their abſence, ſome other member appointed by the majority, ſhall take the chair at eleven of the clock in the forenoon; and, after chuſing three or more ſcrutineers (the number to be determined by the Preſident or preſiding member) by holding up of hands, the balloting glaſs ſhall be placed before the chair, and ſtand open for receiving liſts until two of the clock in the afternoon: at which hour the ballot ſhall be cloſed.

III. A ſufficient number of printed balloting liſts of all the officers in being, according to the form annexed (A), ſhall be ready; in which, if any member chooſes an alteration, he is to ſtrike his pen acroſs the printed name or names of ſuch as he diſapproves, and write on the blank ſide the name or names of ſuch as he would ſubſtitute in their place.

IV. Each member ſhall deliver his liſt, folded up, to the Preſident, or preſiding member, to put into the glaſs: and a ſcrutineer, ſitting on each ſide of the chair, with a liſt of the members before him, ſhall mark the name of each member ſo delivering in his liſt.

V. When the ballot is cloſed, one of the ſcrutineers ſhall open and read aloud each liſt, and file it, while the other two or more mark the names; and when all the liſts are drawn, the marking ſcrutineers ſhall caſt up and report the ſame to the chair; after which the Preſident, Vice Preſi-

dent, or preſiding member, ſhall declare the perſons who have the majority of votes to be the officers reſpectively for the enſuing year.——Such election ſhall likewiſe be declared again at the next meeting of the ſociety.

VI. If the Preſident, or any of the Vice Preſidents, ſhall reſign or die, the remaining Vice Preſidents ſhall continue to act and preſide at the meetings of the ſociety, in the order they are placed in the election liſt, until the next annual meeting for the choice of officers, or ſome other general, or extraordinary general meeting, which the ſociety ſhall pleaſe to appoint for ſuch particular election.

VII. If any of the offices of Secretary, Aſſiſtant Secretary, Regiſter, or Collector, ſhall become vacant; a perſon ſhall be appointed at the next meeting of the ſociety, to act in ſuch reſpective office of Secretary, Aſſiſtant Secretary, Regiſter, or Collector, until the next general meeting, or an extraordinary general meeting, which ſhall be appointed for electing a perſon, by ballot, to fill the vacant office for the remaining part of the year.

VIII. At all elections of officers, if the ſuffrages ſhould be equal, the deciſion ſhall be, by lots, prepared by the ſcrutineers, and drawn by the Preſident, Vice Preſident, or preſiding member.

IX. Notice of the annual, or of any occaſional election of officers, ſhall be publiſhed three different days, in ſuch news papers as the ſociety ſhall order, one week at leaſt before the day of election.

X. Notwithſtanding the election of officers is annual, the ſociety reſerve to themſelves the power of removing either their Secretary, Aſſiſtant Secretary, Regiſter, or Collector, by two general or extraordinary general meetings; in which caſe the ſaid officers ſhall be paid their ſalaries in ſuch proportions as may be then due to them.

XI. Neither the Secretary, Aſſiſtant Secretary, the Regiſter, nor the Collector of the ſubſcriptions, ſhall be members of this ſociety.

XII. No perſon, except he ſhall have been an officer the preceding year, ſhall be admitted as a candidate for any lucrative employment, without having perſonally preſented his petition or memorial to the ſociety a fortnight before the day of election; which petition or memorial ſhall be read immediately after the firſt, and again after the ſecond reading of the minutes.

XIII. A Porter ſhall be choſen or removed at any meeting of the ſociety; and ſo long as he continues in their ſervice, he ſhall be paid a ſalary of twenty-ſix pounds a year;

and

and have an annual cloathing, at an expence not exceeding ten Pounds.

SECT. II.

Duty of the Preſident, Vice Preſidents, and Chairmen.

I. THE duty of the Preſident, Vice Preſidents (in the order they appear in the liſt), or Chairman, is to preſide at all meetings, with his hat on, if he pleaſes; to regulate the debates of the ſociety; to ſtate and put queſtions, both in the affirmative and negative, according to the ſenſe and intention of the meeting; to check irregularities, and keep all perſons in order; to direct ſummons for all extraordinary general meetings; and to execute, or ſee to the execution of, all the rules and orders of the ſociety.

II. The Preſident, or any one of the Vice Preſidents, ſhall ſign receipts for the ſubſcription money; and any two or more of them are impowered to draw upon the Bank for ſuch ſums of money as the ſociety ſhall direct.

SECT. III.

Buſineſs of the Secretary.

I. HE ſhall attend all meetings and committees of the ſociety; he ſhall take down all minutes, and produce them, fairly written, at the next enſuing meetings. He ſhall read all letters, and other papers, ſent or communicated to the ſociety, and tranſlate them into Engliſh, if they ſhould be in another language. He ſhall prepare all anſwers, when ordered by the ſociety, in ſuch language as ſhall be directed, and lay the ſame before the committee appointed for their examination. He ſhall prepare an annual hiſtorical regiſter of the tranſactions of the ſociety, beginning every year from Midſummer-day, and ending that day twelvemonth. This regiſter ſhall contain an account of all premiums beſtowed, with the names of the perſons who have received them, digeſted under proper heads; what premiums the ſociety have engaged for, the next and ſucceeding years; the number of members, with the amount of their ſubſcriptions, and money in bank, as they ſtood on Midſummer-day; and what have been the expences in officers, ſervants, apartments, and workmens and tradeſmens bills of all ſorts. He ſhall prepare all liſts of premiums, liſts of members, advertiſements, and other publications, ordered by the ſociety; and take care that

the ſame be properly and correctly printed; and his name, or that of the Aſſiſtant Secretary, as by order of the ſociety, ſhall be ſigned to all publications. He ſhall make proper indexes to all the books of the ſociety. He ſhall viſit manufactories or apply to manufacturers for information, when required by the ſociety; and he ſhall, as much as poſſible, endeavour to make himſelf acquainted with the nature and circumſtances of the ſeveral arts and manufactures of this and other countries. And, in conſideration of his conſtant attendance, abilities, and diligence, he ſhall be paid a ſalary of one hundred and fifty pounds a year.

SECT. IV.

Buſineſs of the Aſſiſtant Secretary.

I. THE Aſſiſtant Secretary ſhall attend at all meetings of the ſociety. He ſhall likewiſe attend committees, when particularly ordered. He ſhall tranſcribe fair all the proceedings of the ſociety's meetings and committees in the following books reſpectively, viz. Society's Minute Book—Committee Minute Books—Memorandum Book—Copy Book of letters received by the ſociety and not ſet aſide—Book of Rules and Orders—and Reward Book—And ſhall paſte all letters and papers in the Guard Book, when ſo ordered—All the books and papers of the ſociety ſhall be kept at their office for the inſpection of the members; and the Secretary, Aſſiſtant Secretary, and Regiſter, ſhall each of them have a key to the preſſes: moreover, all papers ſhall be copied in the ſame office, that they may be at hand when wanted.—He ſhall tranſcribe all letters that have been prepared by the Secretary, and approved by the ſociety. As a ſatisfaction for ſuch ſervices, he ſhall be paid a ſalary of ſeventy pounds a year.

II. Any member, having obtained leave to take copies of the proceedings or papers of the ſociety, ſhall pay to the Aſſiſtant Secretary, for writing the ſame, after the rate of two-pence for every hundred words.

SECT. V.

Buſineſs of the Regiſter.

I. THE Regiſter ſhall have an apartment in the houſe of the ſociety, that he may be ready on the ſpot to receive meſſages, letters, and all matters brought to the ſociety:

to anſwer all inquiries, and deliver plans, liſts, &c. to ſuch members as ſhall come or ſend for them, of which he ſhall take care to have a ſufficient number. He ſhall have the cuſtody and care of all the furniture, books, ſuch papers as the ſociety ſhall think proper, and other effects whatever belonging to the ſociety. He ſhall have the direction of all the inferior ſervants. He ſhall receive and have charge of all matters ſent to the ſociety by candidates for premiums, and ſhall enter them properly, at the time when delivered, in a book for that purpoſe. He ſhall keep a fair inventory of all the goods and effects of the ſociety, to be always ready when called for. He ſhall keep an account of all ſtationary ware, printed books, coals, candles, and all other particulars ſent in by tradeſmen for the uſe of the ſociety, in a day-book for that purpoſe: and ſhall enter the ſame fairly, under their ſeveral heads, in another book, to be laid every month before the committee of accompts, as a check on tradeſmens bills. He ſhall attend all meetings and committees of the ſociety, and inform them of all matters, under his department, neceſſary for them to know. For all which ſervices he ſhall be paid a ſalary of fifty pounds a year; and ſeventy pounds to pay the ſervants, for cleaning the rooms and furniture, and the boys that attend the meetings of the ſociety and committees, and other incidental charges to which he is liable.

SECT. VI.

Buſineſs of the Collector.

I. THE Collector ſhall give ſuch ſecurity as the ſociety ſhall require, for the truſt repoſed in him. He ſhall collect the ſubſcription money from the members as it becomes due, paying all he collects, over and above the ſum of one hundred pounds, into the Bank of England, which ſum of one hundred pounds he may reſerve in his hands to defray the current expences of the ſociety. He ſhall attend all committees of accompts; and at every meeting of the ſociety he ſhall lay before them the Bank book, with an accompt of what money he has received, paid into the Bank, or remains in his hands. He ſhall keep the caſh accompt of the ſociety, and draw out exact liſts of the members, with the ſums contributed by each, and arrears due. For all which ſervices he ſhall be allowed ſix-pence in the pound on all ſuch contributions; but not on legacies and particular donations.

SECT. VII.

Meetings of the Society.

I. THERE ſhall be four general meetings every year in the great room of the ſociety, at ſix of the clock in the evening preciſely; viz. on the firſt Wedneſday in May, the laſt Wedneſday in May, the ſecond Wedneſday in November, and the ſecond Wedneſday in December. At which meetings, or at any extraordinary general meetings, only, if twenty-five members at leaſt are preſent, rules and orders for the government of the ſociety may be made and altered; and ſuch rules, orders, and alterations being approved at the next ſucceeding general or extraordinary general meeting, ſhall be valid and binding.

II. No propoſition ſhall be offered to the ſociety as matter of new rule and order, or which ſhall contain in it an alteration, or amendment, of any eſtabliſhed rule and order, unleſs delivered in by a member, eight days before a general meeting of the ſociety, to the Secretary, who ſhall immediately cauſe copies to be made of it, and to be hung up in the ſociety and committee rooms. At the next general meeting, the ſecretary ſhall, immediately after reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, read all ſuch propoſitions once over, according to the order they have been delivered, which propoſitions ſhall be read a ſecond time, with a proper pauſe after each: and if any of thoſe propoſitions be moved and ſeconded, it ſhall then be taken into conſideration.

III. An extraordinary general meeting may be called, if thirty members at the leaſt are preſent, and the majority ſhall deſire ſuch extraordinary general meeting; which extraordinary general meeting ſhall be advertiſed three days ſucceſſively in two of the daily papers: and, if twenty-five members are preſent, they may proceed to buſineſs.

IV. An extraordinary meeting for the doing of common buſineſs only, may be at any time ordered by the ſociety in the ſame method as an extraordinary general meeting.

V. The ordinary meetings of the ſociety ſhall be held on Wedneſday in every week at ſix of the clock in the evening preciſely, from the ſecond Wedneſday in October, to the firſt Wedneſday in July; and from the firſt Wedneſday in July, to the ſecond Wedneſday in October, there ſhall be no meeting of the ſociety, unleſs called by the Preſident, or two Vice Preſidents, on extraordinary occaſions; and

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proper notice given thereof in the daily papers: and if at ſuch ordinary meetings, there ſhould be preſent eleven or more members, they may proceed on buſineſs; and the ſaid meetings ſhall have power to appoint ſuch committees, as they think neceſſary.

SECT. VIII.

Order of proceedings of the Society.

I. THE book of rules and orders, liſt of premiums, and of members, ſhall lie upon the table before the Preſident, or preſiding member, at all meetings; and before the chairman at all committees.

II. No auditor is to be admitted at the meetings of the ſociety but foreigners or members of the ſocieties of the ſame kind in Scotland and Ireland.

III. No gentleman is to be admitted an auditor after ſeven o'clock when the ſociety is ſitting.

IV. At all meetings, buſineſs ſhall begin at ſix of the clock in the evening, with reading the minutes of the preceding meeting; but no part of ſuch minutes ſhall be diſcuſſed, till the whole has been read through.

V. Candidates ſhall be balloted for; and, during the ballot, the buſineſs of the evening ſhall be proceeded on.

VI. The minutes ſhall be read a ſecond time, and no other matter ſhall be propoſed till the ſaid minutes have been diſcuſſed article by article: and all parts of the minutes which are not objected to, at the ſecond reading, ſhall ſtand confirmed.

VII. The Preſident, after the firſt, and alſo after the ſecond reading of the minutes, is to order, that all gentlemen who are not members, or foreigners, admitted to be preſent by leave of the ſociety, be deſired to withdraw. He ſhall alſo declare that no perſon is a member, unleſs his firſt ſubſcription has been paid. And no perſon ſhall be entitled to be preſent at any meeting or committee, whoſe ſubſcription ſhall be at any time for two full years in arrear.

VIII. Reports from committees ſhall be made: and the adjournment of thoſe committees, which have not finiſhed the buſineſs referred to them, ſhall be declared to the ſociety.

IX. The report from the committee of accompts may be made between the firſt and ſecond reading of the minutes, the next Wedneſday ſucceeding the audit.

X. New matter to be conſidered.

XI. The President, or presiding member, shall then read over to the society the subjects the committees are to discuss the following days.

XII. Letters to be read.

XIII. No question shall be put on any motion, unless the motion be seconded.

XIV. No motion shall be permitted for the repealing any confirmed resolution of the society, till such resolution has been in force three months, nor shall any motion that has been rejected be made again till after three months from the time of its rejection.

XV. No new proposition shall be entered upon after ten of the clock at night.

XVI. No member, on any pretence whatsoever, shall be at liberty to move that he may have leave to make a motion after ten of the clock.

XVII. No premium shall be offered to the public, until it has been approved of by a committee, and agreed to by the society at two meetings; and no premium or bounty shall be given to any candidate, unless the society, at two meetings, shall be satisfied that such candidate does really deserve the same.

XVIII. No proposition shall be carried into execution, till it is approved and confirmed by the society at two subsequent meetings.

XIX. If at the second reading of a proposition, any alteration shall be made by way of amendment, such alteration shall not want the confirmation of another meeting, unless the society shall increase a premium, bounty, or any other expence; in which case it shall require the confirmation of another meeting.

XX. No member shall be permitted to be on the area or space between the tables, while the society is proceeding on business; nor shall any member stand up within the seats, unless it be to speak, or to go from or return to his place therein.

XXI. When any member speaks, he shall stand up and address himself to the chair, and the rest shall remain silent.

XXII. When two or more offer to speak together, the President, or presiding member, shall determine who shall speak first.

XXIII. At all meetings of the society, no member shall speak more than once on one and the same question, unless called upon from the chair to explain himself; excepting only the original proposer of any new motion, who shall be allowed the privilege of replying once on such occasions.

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XXIV. The member that ſpeaks to order ſhall be firſt heard.

XXV. When a matter is in debate, if any member ſpeaks to new buſineſs, the Preſident, or preſiding member, ſhall interrupt him.

XXVI. When on any queſtion, an equal number of hands appear to be held up for and againſt the ſame, the Preſident, or preſiding member, ſhall appoint two members to count and report the numbers to the chair.

XXVII. In all meetings and committees, the Preſident, or preſiding member, ſhall only vote when the ſuffrages are equal.

XXVIII. The opinion of the ſociety ſhall be taken by ballot, inſtead of hands held up, if deſired by twelve members.

XXIX. A diviſion ſhall not be granted, but upon the requeſt of ſix members.

XXX. No new matter, either reſpecting the government of the ſociety, or the meaſures for the improvement of arts, manufactures, and commerce, ſhall be received, unleſs it be laid before the ſociety in writing.

XXXI. At every meeting of the ſociety, all the reſolutions of ſuch meeting ſhall be taken down at large, and read aloud by the Aſſiſtant Secretary immediately after they have been reſpectively agreed to.

XXXII. No meeting ſhall be adjourned until the majority of the members preſent, upon the queſtion being put and and ſeconded, ſhall agree thereto; nor ſhall the queſtion be put until the names of the candidates propoſed at ſuch meeting have been read.

SECT. IX.

Order of proceedings at a general or an extraordinary general meeting.

I. THE minutes of the preceding ordinary meeting ſhall be read.

II. The Preſident, or preſiding member, ſhall then declare the meeting to be a general or an extraordinary general meeting.

III. The minutes of the preceding general meeting ſhall be read the firſt time, and after a ſhort pauſe ſhall be read a ſecond time; when ſuch parts as are not objected to ſhall ſtand confirmed.

IV. New matter relative to ſuch meetings only may be propoſed and diſcuſſed.

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V. If after a proper pauſe no new matter is propoſed, then the general or extraordinary general meeting ſhall be adjourned to the next general meeting in order; after which the uſual buſineſs to go on.

SECT. X.

Election of Members.

I. NO perſon is to be propoſed for a member, unleſs recommended by three members; and the name, place of abode, and addition of the perſon recommended, ſhall be delivered in, ſigned by the propoſers, which ſhall be read by the Secretary, who ſhall inſert the name in a liſt of candidates, to be hung up in the ſociety and committee rooms, until the next meeting of the ſociety, at which ſuch perſons ſhall be balloted for, provided there be ſeven days between the meetings; the names of the propoſers, together with the name and addition of the perſon to be balloted for, ſhall be put up on the ticket placed on the box during the time of ſuch ballot; and if two thirds of the members then voting ſhall ballot in his favour, he ſhall be deemed a perpetual member, upon payment of twenty guineas at one payment; or a ſubſcribing member, upon payment of any ſum not leſs than two guineas annually (BB).

II. In election of members a ſecond ballot ſhall be granted if immediately demanded.

III. Foreigners, or perſons who do not reſide in England, may be elected, by ballot, correſponding members of this ſociety, without being ſubject to any annual payment; and ſhall be admitted to the meetings and committees of the ſociety, during their reſidence here, provided their reſidence does not exceed a year at one time; but ſhall not be permitted to vote.

IV. Every perſon upon his election is to pay his ſubſcription money, or one of the members is at liberty to make the depoſit in his name, in caſe of abſence.

V. Every member ſhall pay his ſubſcription money in arrear within one month after he has been applied to by letter from the Collector for that purpoſe, according to the copy annexed (C); and no perſon ſhall be intitled to vote at any meeting or committee, until his ſubſcription for the current year and all arrears are paid: and no perſon ſhall be entitled to be preſent at any meeting or committee, whoſe ſubſcription ſhall be at any time for two full years in arrear.

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VI. When any perſon is elected a member, the Aſſiſtant Secretary ſhall immediately inform him thereof by letter (D), and therewith ſend a printed book of rules and orders, and the liſt of premiums.

VII. The names of ſuch perſons as have not paid their firſt ſubſcription money are to be omitted in the liſt of members, except thoſe whoſe names have been already printed.

SECT. XI.

Of Committees.

I. THE ſtanding committees for the year ſhall be declared, and the members to conſtitute the ſame ſhall be named by the ſociety, at half an hour paſt ſeven o'clock, on the firſt Wedneſday in November, and the chairmen thereof balloted for at eight the ſame evening.

1. Committee of accompts.
2. Committe of correſpondence.
3. Committee of premiums, claſſed as follows:

Polite and liberal arts.
Agriculture.
Manufactures.
Mechanics.
Chemiſtry, dying and mineralogy.
Britiſh colonies and trade.

II. Nine committee minute books are to be kept; one for each of the above-mentioned committees, and one for miſcellaneous matters.

III. Two chairmen ſhall be elected, by ballot, for the committee of accompts, committee of correſpondence, and each claſs of the committee of premiums, ſeverally, who ſhall preſide for that year, when preſent, in the order they are named; and in caſe neither of the ſaid chairmen ſhould be preſent at their reſpective committees, any other member ſhall be appointed, by the committee, chairman for the occaſion.

IV. The chairmen of the ſeveral committees of premiums ſhall be choſen from among thoſe members who do not profeſs the arts, manufactures, or branches of trade, which are the peculiar objects of thoſe committees.

V. Committees ſhall not take up any matter unleſs referred to them by the ſociety.

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VI. All committees ſhall have power to adjourn themſelves as they think fit; and, notwithſtanding particular gentlemen are named for each committee, every member is of every committee.

VII. If a member ſhall ſignify to the Secretary his intention to attend any committee, he ſhall be ſummoned to it; and the Secretary ſhall be directed to ſummon ſuch other members, as the chairman apprehends moſt converſant in the buſineſs to come before them; which buſineſs alſo ſhall be declared in the ſummons: and five members ſhall conſtitute a committee.

VIII. In order to prevent unneceſſary ſummonſes being ſent out, the meetings of the ſeveral committees are fixed in the following manner:

Committees of correſpondence and agriculture, on Monday.
Colonies and trade, and manufactures, on Tueſday.
Mechanics, on Thurſday.
Polite arts, on Friday.
Chemiſtry, on Saturday.
Accompts, at any time.

IX. It is the duty of a chairman to obſerve that no queſtion be put in a committee, unleſs five members are preſent; and, before any adjournment of ſuch committee, or report concluded, that the minutes be read and ſigned by the chairman, who ſhall certify that five members at leaſt were preſent.

X. The chairman ſhall take care that regular meetings of the committee be appointed, and ſhall make their reports perfect, and without blanks, at the next meeting of the ſociety; but in caſe, upon appointment of a committee, a ſufficient number do not attend, the chairman is required to appoint another day, and ſhall direct the Secretary to ſummon the committee on a future day, at a diſtance of not leſs than three days incluſive.

XI. There ſhall be conſtantly hung up in the ſociety's room and committee room a liſt of all committees, ſpecifying the buſineſs they are to conſider, and the days they are appointed to meet.

XII. All reports from the different committees ſhall be made to the ſociety in ſucceſſion, according to their reſpective dates, unleſs when ordered otherwiſe by the ſociety.

XIII. And all references to the ſeveral committees ſhall be entered in the reſpective committee books, in one liſt,

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at the beginning of ſuch books, in order that the ſubjects of them may be regularly taken up.

XIV. Liſts of reports that are ready to be made, or ſtanding for confirmation, with their dates, ſhall always be hung up in the great room.

SECT. XII.

Of Rewards.

I. THE chief objects of the attention and encouragement of this ſociety, in the application of their rewards are, ingenuity in the ſeveral branches of the polite and liberal arts, uſeful inventions, diſcoveries, or improvements in agriculture, manufactures, mechanics, and chemiſtry; or the laying open any ſuch to the public; and in general all ſuch uſeful inventions, diſcoveries, or improvements, as may appear to have a tendency to the advantage of trade and commerce.

II. When any propoſal is made for a premium or reward, and the motion made and ſeconded, it ſhall be delivered to the chair in writing, and the ſame ſhall be read twice.

III. All matters, for which the ſociety ſhall henceforth propoſe premiums, ſhall be begun after the publication of ſuch premiums, unleſs there be a particular exception in the ſaid publication.

IV. No motion ſhall be made for the diſpenſing with any condition of a premium as offered in the advertiſements, on any pretence whatever.

V. The ſociety reſerve to themſelves the power of giving, in all caſes, ſuch part only of any premium as the performance ſhall be judged to deſerve, or reſerving the whole if there be no merit.

VI. No premium ſhall be propoſed after the third Wedneſday in March; and no report from a committee for continuing an old, or eſtabliſhing a new premium ſhall be read in the ſociety after the ſecond Wedneſday in April, on or before which day all premiums ſhall be confirmed and finally concluded on.

VII. No member of this ſociety ſhall be a candidate for, or intitled to receive any premium, bounty, or reward whatſoever, except only the honorary medal of this ſociety.

VIII. No member, who is a candidate for the honorary premium or medal of this ſociety, ſhall be of the committee, to which ſuch matter may be referred; or ever preſent at their ſittings while the ſubject is under conſideration, unleſs called

called in to anſwer ſuch queſtions as the committee may propoſe: nor ſhall any ſuch candidate be preſent in the ſociety, when the matter is before them, whether in debate or for determination, unleſs called in. Which rules all members, being ſuch candidates, are ſtrictly to obſerve, under penalty of forfeiting their title to ſuch medal, notwithſtanding any determination of the ſociety in their favour.

IX. If any member ſhall be afterwards found to have tranſgreſſed the rules mentioned in the preceding reſolutions, by the means of a borrowed or fictitious name, ſuch member ſhall be expelled the ſociety.

X. No member, who is the father, or maſter, of a candidate for a premium, bounty, or reward, nor any perſon anywiſe lucratively intereſted in ſuch event, ſhall be of the committee to which ſuch matter is referred; nor preſent in the ſociety when it is under conſideration, unleſs called in, under penalty of excluding ſuch child, ſcholar, apprentice, or ſervant, from all title to any ſuch premium, bounty, or reward; notwithſtanding a determination of the ſociety in its favour.

XI. A candidate for a premium, or perſon applying for a bounty, being detected in any diſingenuous methods to impoſe on the ſociety, ſhall forfeit any ſuch premium or bounty, and be deemed incapable of obtaining any for the future.

XII. No candidates ſhall be preſent at any meetings of the ſociety or committees, or admitted at the ſociety's rooms after they have delivered in their claims, till ſuch claims are adjudged, unleſs ſummoned by the committee; under forfeiture of the premium or bounty for which they are candidates.

XIII. No machine, or model of a machine, ſhall be admitted to claim a premium, unleſs the whole and every part thereof ſhall be delivered into the ſociety's office at or before the time appointed by the ſociety. And if any candidate ſhall ſecretly make an addition to, or alteration in his machine or model, otherwiſe than by repairing and putting the ſeveral parts together, after it is lodged with the ſociety, he ſhall, on diſcovery, be deemed incapable of receiving any premium.

XIV. That all rewards may be diſtributed with the utmoſt impartiality and juſtice, the names of the claimants ſhall be concealed; and the ſociety ſhall, whenever they think proper, deſire the aſſiſtance of ſuch gentlemen, manufacturers, or others, though not members of it, as ſhall be deemed beſt able to judge of, and diſcover the truth and

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value of any matter or thing for which a premium has been claimed.

XV. No medal, or ſum of money, ſhall be given as a bounty or reward, for any thing not mentioned in the liſt of premiums, between the firſt Wedneſday in June and the firſt Wedneſday in November, nor at any time unleſs thirty members are preſent; and the majority to beſtow ſuch medal, or ſum of money, ſhall conſiſt of two thirds, at leaſt, of the members then preſent.

XVI. All new rules and orders ſhall be ſigned by the Preſident or a Vice-Preſident, and underſigned by the Secretary, and hung up in the ſociety room and committee room for the information of the members, till ſuch time as they are inſerted in their proper places in the ſubſequent printed book of rules and orders.

XVII. All new rules and orders once paſſed are to be hung up in the ſociety's room till they are confirmed, with the date when paſſed the firſt time, and when to be confirmed.

SECT. XIII.

Reſolutions.

I. THAT all models of machines, which obtain premiums for the future, be the property of the ſociety.

II. That in all ſubjects relating to mechanics, ſuch ample minutes be taken, as may be uſeful for drawing up a proper and inſtructive account of them.

III. In the liſt of the members, after the name of each member, his addition and place of abode are to be inſerted.

IV. With the liſt of the premiums, an account of all the medals, premiums and bounties, which have been given by the ſociety the preceding year, to whom and for what purpoſes, ſhall be printed annually.

V. The committee of correſpondence are at liberty from time to time to refer ſuch letters as they eſteem proper to be referred to the reſpective committees, without reporting them to the ſociety in order to be referred to ſuch committee; except ſuch as propoſe the granting any new premium or bounty.

VI. All the books of the proceedings, correſpondence, &c. of the ſociety, ſhall be kept in the ſociety's office to be inſpected by members at any reaſonable hour, the regiſter having for that end a key to the preſſes.

N. B.

N. B. In caſe any perſon ſhould be inclinable to leave a ſum of money to this ſociety, by will; the following form is offered for that purpoſe.

Item, I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the ſum of
upon condition, and to the intent, that they, or one of them, do pay the ſame to the Collector, for the time being, of a ſociety in London, who now call themſelves, *the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce*, which ſaid ſum of
I will and deſire may be paid out of my perſonal eſtate, and applied towards carrying on the laudable deſigns of the ſaid ſociety.

(A)

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Papers referred to.

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No. 176

RECEIVED of
the sum of being his
contribution to the *Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce*, for one year from

£ VICE-PRESIDENT.

No. 176

RECEIVED of
the sum of being his
full contribution to the *Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce.*

£ VICE-PRESIDENT.

SIR, (C)

I AM directed to inform you, That your annual subscription of has been in arrear since the day of and as it is of consequence for the society to know what sums of money they can bestow in premiums, you are requested to order the payment of it.

By order of the Society,

COLLECTOR.

(D)

THIS waits on you to inform you, that on the day of you was elected a member of the *Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce.*

By order of the Society,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.